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## **RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION**

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

#### **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated August 24, 2004 (Paper No. 20040819) (hereinafter "Final Action"), finally rejecting claims 1–20, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

No Amendments are Being Made to the Claims, but a complete listing of claims begins on page 4 of this paper for the Examiner's convenience.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.